



LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE BOARD

Putting Kids First in Lincoln County

"We appreciate all the LCRB does to support our students and families and to strengthen our community."

Lincoln County educator, 2024 End-of-School-Year Assessment of Students' Behavioral Health Needs

LCRB Launches New Contract Cycle



On July 1, the LCRB launched a new 12-month contract cycle ... and made LCRB history. For this 12-month funding period, the LCRB has approved the largest funding allocation in its history: **More than \$2.4 million in funded mental health services for Lincoln County kids.**

The LCRB's funding statute allows for funding of not-for-profit (501 c3) or governmental agencies registered in the state of Missouri. The LCRB subscribes to a reimbursement-based model, meaning funded agencies provide the contracted services to Lincoln County kids and receive LCRB reimbursements up to the total contract award. Unused contract dollars remain with the LCRB. Further, every funded program offers a minimum of three clinical outcomes it will achieve for Lincoln County kids, ranging from child abuse prevention to symptom reduction.

Visit the [LCRB website](#) and learn more about LCRB-funded behavioral health programs and services for Lincoln County kids.

CHADS Coalition
FOR Mental Health
COMMUNITIES HEALING ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE

New LCRB-funded Program Spotlight

The LCRB's 2024-25 contract cycle provides funding for 14 organizations and 26 unique programs of service, including four newly funded LCRB programs.

This month, we will feature The CHADS Coalition for Mental Health and its Signs of Suicide® prevention program.

Suicide represents the second leading cause of death for ages 10-34 in the United States. Further, 75% of Lincoln County middle school personnel reported "self-harm and suicide" as a critical Lincoln County student behavioral health issue.

Signs of Suicide (SOS)® teaches participants the symptoms of depression, signs of suicide, and the importance of telling a trusted adult when they notice those warning signs in themselves or someone they know. Learn more at the [CHADS Coalition for Mental Health website](#).

2023 Needs Assessment: A Closer Look

Prepared by Dr. Cynthia Berry

The LCRB 2023 Needs Assessment offers a global view of our county's demographics and trends; considers the LCRB funding statute and associated funded programs; and identifies areas of progress and need within our system of care.



This month, the LCRB highlights the report section on "Suicide Rate of Youth and Suicidal Ideation."

While Lincoln County's suicide rate stands at 9.6 per 100,000 youth aged 15 to 19, lower than the state rate of 11.9 spanning from 2009 to 2019, deeper insights into suicide trends from the Missouri Student Survey reveal pressing concerns among Lincoln County students.

Notably, 17.4% of students seriously contemplated suicide, marking a 7.6% increase since 2010 and a 3.8% surge since 2020. Furthermore, 12.5% of students planned suicide in the past year, reflecting a 5% rise since 2020. The report also highlighted an 8.5% incidence of students attempting suicide at least once in the past year, indicating a 3% escalation since 2020. Alarmingly, 1.3% of students reported a suicide attempt resulting in injury in 2022.

In comparison to statewide figures, Lincoln County exhibited a higher prevalence of all these risky behaviors, with the most significant disparities

observed in the category of seriously considering suicide (6.4% difference) and self-injury (5.7% difference). In the Needs Assessment, Dr. Berry's analysis concludes: **The elevated percentages of students harboring suicidal thoughts and engaging in self-injury are deemed alarming, demanding immediate attention, especially given the pronounced deterioration in these trends since 2010.**

*To read or download the full report, click the following link:
[LCRB's 2023 Needs Assessment.](#)*



C.A.N. Plan to Reconvene in August

Following the June C.A.N. Plan meeting, Dr. Cynthia Berry issued our multi-disciplinary team a prioritization survey, which will establish the foundation for the community action plan to combat Lincoln County's unacceptable child abuse and neglect rates.

As Dr. Berry completes our data analysis, the LCRB is advancing the plan's community outreach initiatives. With a focus on juror education, the LCRB has updated the digital billboard off Highway 47 in Troy (in the Community State Bank plaza) and continues to post timely content to the [Justice for Kids](#) Facebook page.

Recent posts highlighted the following LCRB-collected data, including:

- **More than \$156,000 from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, was invested in Lincoln County kids' victim services related to child abuse and neglect through our local Child Advocacy Center alone.**
- **During the end-of-school-year assessment of student behavioral health needs, 48% of Lincoln County's Pre-kindergarten and elementary school personnel reported "Abuse and neglect issues" as critical.**

Please follow and share the [Justice for Kids](#) Facebook page. Help to educate and

empower our residents so we may better protect Lincoln County kids from child abuse and neglect.



Early Childhood Task Force Showcases Resources at the Lincoln County Fair

From the sounds of children laughing atop the Ferris wheel and the sweet smells of funnel cakes to 4H and FFA members exhibiting their livestock and handmade projects, the Lincoln County Fair is synonymous with Lincoln County kids and summer. For Lincoln County's Early Childhood Task Force members, there's no better way to connect with local parents and caregivers than by going to where the kids are: Kids' night at the Lincoln County fair!

When the Lincoln County Early Childhood Task Force was formed in 2016 to improve the health and wellbeing of Lincoln County children, focusing on prenatal and early childhood, one of our primary strategies called for educating parents and caregivers about infant resources to promote their health, learning and development. During the fair's kids' night, members of the task force, including Love N' Learn Preschool Director Alicia Frankenhauser, Crisis Nursery's Jessica Rogalski and the LCRB's Hally Wells, engaged with parents, shared information and demonstrated the breadth of programs and services available to our county's tiniest residents to improve their health, safety and development.

We also thank and appreciate the task force members who volunteered in the kitchen so the task force could receive free commercial exhibit hall space to engage with local parents. Those members include: JeanAnn Lovins, and her son, with Bringing Families Together, and the LCRB's Margie Beckmann and Hally Wells.

Excited to share we received a grant from Toyota!



Since 2015, Toyota has supported the LCRB's efforts to drive change for Lincoln County kids and their families. Through Toyota's generous sponsorships of our LCRB Legislative Summits & Mobile Outreach Tours, we have transported our policy makers to the forefront of childhood and adolescent mental health challenges--exploring and exposing ripple effects that touch all facets of our county, economy and society.

Nine years later, we can look back at our summits and point to positive, tangible outcomes--from working with then Senator Jeanie Riddle to ensure every Missouri child who alleges abuse can access a forensic interview to establishing two community-based (and Toyota-supported) centers to address homelessness and trauma through The Key Youth Center and, most recently, Bridge of Hope Lincoln County.

Where will the 2024 Toyota-sponsored LCRB Legislative Summit & Mobile Outreach Tour take us? At this time, we can report that you won't want to miss it. Dates and details to come!



Reminder: 2023-24 End-of-contract-cycle Reports Due to LCRB

With the closing of the LCRB 2023-24 contract cycle on June 30, we ask the LCRB-funded providers to report outcomes. The LCRB shares the funded providers' annual report of outcomes with the Lincoln County Commissioners and the community at large through our *LCRB Annual Report to the Community*.

PDF versions of the report have been sent to our 2023-24 LCRB-funded providers, as our electronic survey

format for data collection only allows for the entry of data in one setting. Please compile your data and submit your findings electronically via the [survey link](#) to the LCRB by Fri., Aug. 2, 2024.



The Care Service
Sts. Joachim & Ann

Join us for an evening filled with music,
bingo, friendship bracelets, and more.

CRUEL SUMMER MUSIC BINGO



JULY 27, 2024

6:30 PM-10:00 PM

THE CARE SERVICE

WE ARE RAFFLING OFF AN EXCLUSIVE FRAMED CD OF TAYLOR SWIFT'S ALBUM "FOLKLORE" SIGNED BY TAYLOR SWIFT HERSELF!

Proceeds will provide assistance, support, and resources to individuals and families in St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren counties facing a housing crisis or food insecurity.

Event tickets



Raffle tickets



LCRB Meetings

LCRB bylaws require the board to hold regular meetings no fewer than four times per year (section 4.3.1).

At the June 26, 2024, LCRB monthly meeting, **the board voted to not hold a July 2024 meeting** due to summer schedules and lack of quorum.



The next scheduled LCRB meeting will take place on Wed., Aug. 28, 2024.

The meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. at the [Cuivre River Electric Cooperative Community Room in Troy](#), with a Zoom option for virtual attendance.

Visit our [website and its meetings page](#) for more information and instructions.

All LCRB meetings, unless otherwise posted on the LCRB website, are held the fourth Wednesday of the month at Cuivre River Electric Cooperative (Troy), Community Room. **Please note our new meeting time: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.**

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